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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

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Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 which is responsive to the Office Action dated June 12, 2001 in the parent application U.S.S.N. 09/305,588 filed on May 5, 1999. The Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Order Account No. 501977 \$4272.00 representing the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b) for 35 independent claims in excess of three (\$2940.00) and the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c) for 74 claims in excess of 20 (\$1332.00).

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Pursuant to the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the pending application is believed to be warranted. The Examiner is invited and encouraged to directly contact the undersigned if such contact may enhance the efficient prosecution of the application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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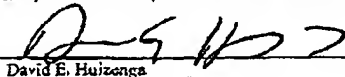


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